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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Parties to D.T.E. 01-33

FROM: Paula Foley, Hearing Officer  
April Mulqueen, Assistant Director, Telecommunications Division

RE: Request for Comments

DATE: July 29, 2002

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On July 12, 2002, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. ("WorldCom") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") in docket D.T.E. 01-33, a Request for a Growth Code in the 857 NPA, Boston Rate Center to Meet a Specific Customer Need ("Request for Growth Code"). In its Request for Growth Code, WorldCom indicated that the North American Planning Administrator ("NANPA") had denied WorldCom's request for a growth code and was seeking an order from the Department overturning NANPA's denial (Request for Growth Code at 1). WorldCom further stated that the code was needed for a large and important customer currently served by another carrier, that seeks to ensure continuity of service and consistent DID numbers from WorldCom as part of its emergency preparedness contingency plan (*id.* at 4). On July 26, 2002, WorldCom supplemented its request with additional information regarding the customer's needs.

The Department seeks comment from interested parties on WorldCom's request. Specifically, the Department seeks comment on whether the plan described in WorldCom's filing the only way of achieving the desired redundancy. If it is not the only way, is it the best way? The Department also seeks comment on whether number porting would provide an effective alternative for WorldCom's request.

Initial comments are due on or before **Friday, August 9, 2002**. Reply comments are due on or before **Friday, August 16, 2002**. If you have any questions please contact April Mulqueen at (617) 305-3748 or Paula Foley at (617) 305-3608.